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RE: Ex Parte Notice in MB Docket No. 02-277

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Dear Ms Dortch:

On April 11, 2003, representatives of The Center for the Creative Community, Inc. (CCC), a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization providing research, public education, and policy development on behalf of the tens of thousands of individual writers, directors, producers, performers, and other talented people who give life to America's popular and literary works of art and entertainment attended separate meetings with Chairman Powell and each Commissioner.

Attending the meetings with Chairman Powell and his aide, Susan Eid, and Commissioner Martin and his aide, Catherine Bohigian, were Jonathan Rintels, Executive Director of CCC, James Sadwith, writer, producer, Emmy-winning Director and Board Member of CCC, and Diane English, Emmy-winning writer and producer and Member of the Board of Advisors of CCC. Ms. English participated via teleconference.

Attending the meetings with Commissioner Copps and his aide, Jordan Goldstein, Commissioner Adelstein and his aide, Johanna Mikes, and Commissioner Abernathy and her aide, Stacy Robinson, were Rintels and Sadwith.

Subjects discussed during these meetings included the need for the FCC to promulgate a rule in this proceeding that ends the network monopolization of television program production and the legal requirement under the Regulatory Flexibility Act that the FCC issue proposed rules in this proceeding and then allow another round of public comment prior to issuing final rules. Included in these proposed rules should be a rule that ends the network monopolization of television program production. Each of these subjects is more fully covered in the CCC's Comments, Comments on the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, and Reply Comments, all part of the public record in this proceeding.

In addition, we provided the Commissioners and FCC staff with written materials, a copy of which is attached to this letter. The attachments include the speech of Barry Diller to the National Association of Broadcasters convention in Las Vegas; two letters from the office of President Reagan regarding the retention of the Financial Interest and Syndication Rules; a letter from the Small Business Administration to Chairman Powell dated April 9, 2003; and numerous quotes from prominent Americans in favor of diversity of viewpoints on television and in media generally.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter and the attachments are being filed electronically today for inclusion in the above referenced docket.

If we can be of assistance or you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Rintels
Executive Director

Attachments

Cc: Chairman Michael Powell
Susan Eid, Legal Advisor
Commissioner Michael Copps
Jordan Goldstein, Legal Advisor
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Johanna Mikes, Legal Advisor
Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy
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